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1. AS INDICATED REFTEL (B), MEXICAN REACTION TO US POSITION ON CERDS (WHICH IN GENERAL HAS BEEN LIMITED) HAS ZEROED IN ON RECENT HIGH-LEVEL EXPLANATIONS OF THE RATIONALE BEHIND OUR NEGATIVE VOTE -- THAT US AND OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES CANNOT TURN THEIR BACKS ON THEIR OWN VITAL NATIONAL INTERESTS MERELY BECAUSE THEY ARE OUT-VOTED IN INTERNATIONAL FORUMS BY MORE NUMEROUS LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. BOTH SECRETARY KISSINGER AND AMB. SCALI HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO TASK HERE, NOT SO MUCH FOR "NO" VOTE ON CHARTER ITSELF AS FOR THEIR FORCEFUL STATEMENTS CHALLENGING "TYRANNY OF THE MAJORITY" AND AUTOMATIC BLOC VOTING IN SUCH FORUMS, WHETHER ON CHARTER OR ON OTHER ISSUES AFFECTING US.

2. IRONY, OF COURSE, WHICH HAS NOT GONE UNNOTICED BY
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MEXICAN CRITICS, IS CONTRAST BETWEEN THIS ARGUMENT AND WHAT

THEY REGARD AS "TYRANNY OF THE MINORITY" WHICH PREVENTED LIFTING SANCTIONS AGAINST CUBA IN QUITO LAST MONTH. US, THESE CRITICS ARE SAYING SUCCEEDED IN FRUSTRATING MAJORITY RULE AT QUITO THANKS TO TWO-THIRDS VOTING REQUIREMENTS OF RIO TREATY. DENIED SUCH A CONVENIENT "VETO" DEVICE IN UNGA RULES, US (THEY ASSERT) IS NOW DECLARING THAT IT WILL SIMPLY IGNORE MAJORITY WILL IN WORLD FORUMS IF DECISIONS GO AGAINST ITS PARTICULAR INTERESTS.

3. COMMENT: NO MATTER THAT THE US POSITION AT QUITO WAS TOTALLY NEUTRAL, OR THAT ITS UN DELEGATION DEMONSTRATED CONTINUING READINESS TO NEGOTIATE DIFFERENCES ON CHARTER, MEXICAN CRITICS ARE DELIGHTED AT OPPORTUNITY TO PORTRAY US AS OPPOSING DEMOCRATIC PROCESS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. ALTHOUGH GOM ITSELF HAS CAREFULLY AVOIDED DRAWING CONTRAST BETWEEN VOTES ON CUBA AND CERDS, GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED EL NACIONAL RAN EDITORIAL ALONG SUCH LINES YESTERDAY AND SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEES HAVE ISSUED A REPORT ON CERDS WHICH SOUNDS A SIMILAR THEME, INDICATING THAT SUCH THINKING IS AT LEAST NOT CONTRARY TO PRESENT GOM MOOD.

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